

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2016-248-C

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff Regarding the South Carolina Dual Party Relay Program

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a Petition regarding the South Carolina Dual Party Relay Program with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission"). The Petition was filed pursuant to the State Telecom Equity in Funding Act, 2016 S.C. Acts 181, which revised S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-2530(A). Section 58-9-2530 (A) as amended currently states "The Commission may require each local exchange provider, CMRS provider, and VoIP provider operating in this State to impose a monthly dual party relay charge not to exceed ten cents, and each prepaid wireless seller to impose a dual party relay charge of the same amount on each wireless retail transaction, as necessary to fund the establishment and operation of a dual party relay system and a distribution system of TTY's and other related telecommunications devices in this State. The amount of the dual party charge must be determined by the Commission based upon the amount of funding necessary to accomplish the purposes of this article and provide dual party telephone relay services on a continuous basis, and the amount of the charge must be uniform among all local exchange providers, CMRS providers, VoIP providers, and prepaid wireless sellers."

In the Petition ORS request to reduce the currently effective dual party relay charge of \$0.25 per exchange access line to \$0.06 effective January 1, 2017; request the adoption of a registration form for those wireless carriers and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers that do not have a certificate of public convenience and necessity; and request approval of the Dual Party Relay budget. The ORS's Petition does not seek to alter the last approved budget of \$4.1 million, and the filing includes the July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017, budget as set forth in Attachment 2, including multi-year projections and projected costs.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 8, 2016**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2016-248-C and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket. Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, on or before **August 8, 2016**. Please refer to Docket No. 2016-248-C.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **8/17/2016**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **8/31/2016**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **9/7/2016**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **9/14/2016**. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under **Docket No. 2016-248-C**.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the instructions contained herein could result in your proposed witnesses' testimony and exhibits being excluded in the subject proceeding. Additionally, please note that failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the DISMISSAL of your pleading.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2016-248-C*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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